

March 10, 1958

Dear Mr. Ganesan:

Thank you for your letter of March 6.

I am definitely interested in your application, and will begin arrangements immediately to see if a stipend can be found for you. If this is successful, it would amount to \$1920 per annum, at the start, less tuition fees of \$200 to 250.

While this is in progress, I would appreciate it if you can ask Professor Winge or Prof. Holter to write me a critical reference on you. If Professor Westergaard is acquainted with you, his remarks would also be most useful.

From your letter I assume it would be convenient for you to begin here next February, which I would also prefer over an earlier date. Please let me know if I am mistaken-- other arrangements might be possible.

I am particularly interested in a more detailed analysis of fertilization in *Escherichia coli* by a combination of cytological and genetic methods: a logical starting point for a bacterial cytogenetics.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics